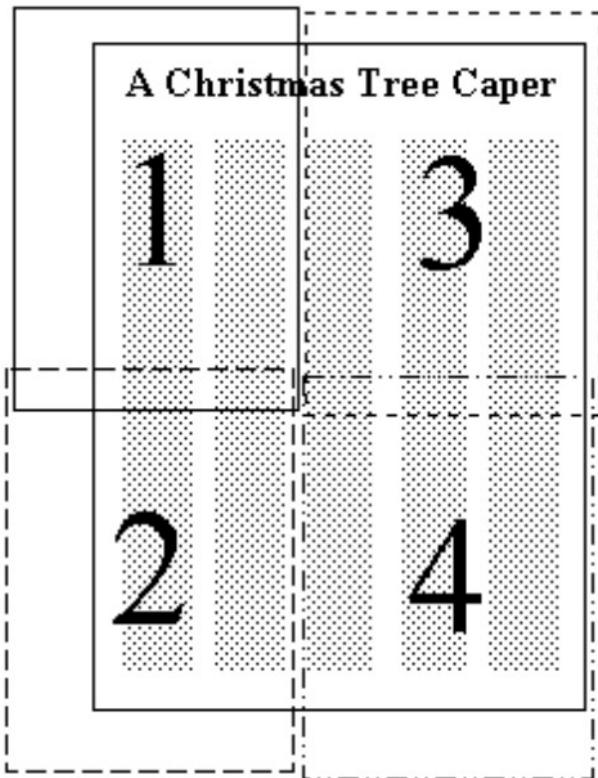


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Record Breaker

By JACK RITCHIE

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MY boy," Mr. Harris said. "I've got two tickets to the ice show tonight. Some last minute business came up and now I find that I can't use them. But my daughter just loves ice shows and she's been wanting to see this one."

Now it's my turn, Jimmy Wells thought, wincing slightly. For a few seconds he toyed with the idea of refusing to take out the boss' daughter, but reluctantly he dismissed it. After all, he liked his job with the Harris Paper Co.

"I've been wondering if you'd take her, my boy," Mr. Harris said, putting one hand on Jimmy's shoulder.

"Of course, sir," Jimmy said. "I'd be honored." And now, Jimmy thought, I've got to see the photograph. Fine girl. Good-looking and smart as a whip.

Mr. Harris picked up the framed picture on his desk and held it proudly for Jimmy's inspection. "Fine girl," he said. "Good-looking and smart as a whip."

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not a heartbreaking disappointment, I imagine you'll survive."

She shrugged without interest and took his arm. "Let's get it over with," she said.

They got into Jimmy's car and he pulled away from the curb.

"Nice night, isn't it," he said.

"Not particularly," she said.

"All right," Jimmy said stiffly. "It's a terrible night."

After several more quiet blocks, Clare glanced at him. "I suppose you realize that I'm not wild about my father making dates for me."

Jimmy slowed down the car and made a U-turn. "Fine," he said.

There was chill silence as he drove her back to her apartment. He stopped in front of the entrance and idled the motor. "You open the car door by pushing down hard on the latch," he said.

Clare got out of the car and turned, her eyes glittering with anger. "I don't like this a bit and neither will my father."

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"How could she stand you that long?" Jimmy asked gloomily.

Jimmy stared morosely at the surface of his desk. "Why does the old man have to make dates for his daughter. I'd think she could do pretty well on her own."

"The protective instinct," Freddie said. "He wants to make sure she marries somebody he knows and approves of."

Jimmy Wells called for Miss Clare Harris promptly at 7. She kept him waiting in the lobby of the large apartment building for half an hour before she came down.

"I'm Jimmy Wells," he said.

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Jimmy worked until 10 o'clock and then was summoned by Mr. Harris.

He almost missed a step when he found Clare sitting in the corner easy chair.

Mr. Harris sat at his desk studying a sheaf of papers. He looked up as Jimmy entered. "Take a seat," he said.

"No, thanks," Jimmy said. "I'll stand."

Mr. Harris looked up with mild surprise and then returned his attention to the papers.

Jimmy eyed Clare and saw that she watched him with a languid smile.

Abruptly Mr. Harris shifted the cigar in his mouth and looked up. "How was the ice show?"

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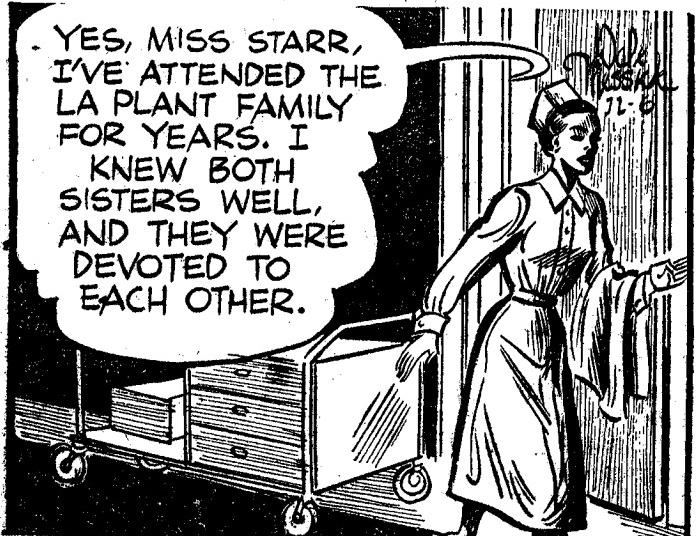
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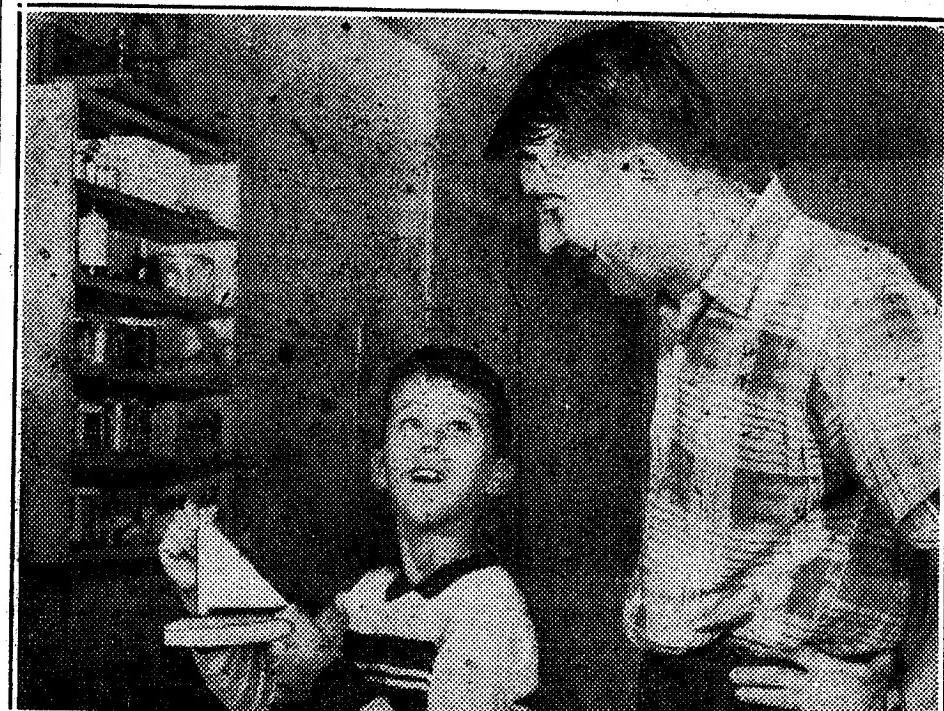
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By GLADYS BEVANS

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Follow the Lead

Nevertheless, all children should learn to use their hands, and should be given the materials, and interest at home which help them to enjoy manual activities, and to grow in skill. Having given your child such opportunities you will discover that they will enjoy and do better, some things than others. Where possible follow these leads.

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Kearny, N. J.

A. G.

Having no school the next day, my niece, 7, was permitted to stay overnight at her friend's home. My niece's sister, 5, reminded the older girl to take her toothbrush. I told her that I thought she was very nice to her sister. "Oh," came the reply, "I was afraid that if she forgot her toothbrush, she'd come back for it."

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